

HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR RETURN



These Vermont Tax Credits and Free Filing Resources may increase your refund or reduce the amount of taxes you owe.

✓ TAX CREDITS

Great news! Vermont's Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit are now available to all qualifying Vermont residents regardless of whether they, their spouse, or their qualified dependents have an SSN or ITIN. Learn more about the eligibility requirements at <https://tax.vermont.gov/tax-credits>. You may also be eligible for these other Vermont credits:

- Charitable Contribution Tax Credit
- Charitable Housing Investment Tax Credit (HITC)
- Child and Dependent Care Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Credit for Income Tax Paid to Another State or Canadian Province
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Elderly or Permanently Disabled Tax Credit
- Farm Income Averaging Credit
- Property Tax Credit Claim
- Qualified Sale of Mobile Home Park Credit
- Renter Credit Claim
- Research and Development Tax Credit
- VT Higher Education Investment Plan (VHEIP), or VT 529 Plan (VT529)

✓ FREE TAX RETURN HELP

Did you know that the IRS and AARP sponsor free tax assistance for eligible Vermonters? Find out if you qualify and file your taxes for FREE! The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return help to qualified individuals, including:

- People who generally make \$64,000 or less
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers.
- Persons with disabilities; and

Go to <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers> to find a location near you.

✓ FILE ONLINE FOR FREE

Do you make less than \$79,000? You may qualify to electronically file your federal and Vermont individual income tax returns with one of the participating vendors for FREE! To Free File both your federal and State returns, use the same vendor. Go to <https://tax.vermont.gov/free-file> and find out if you qualify.